GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated and Wasteland Development Programme was introduced some years back in the country;

(b) if so, the year in which this scheme was introduced and the total areas of wasteland assessed at that time in the country; and

(c) the total amount spent so far by the Government on the programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) scheme was introduced in the year 1989-90. The total area of wasteland in the country was assessed as 129.57 million ha. by the Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development, New Delhi - 1984.

(c) : An amount of Rs. 415.00 crores has been released to the States so far by the Central Government for the implementation of the Programme.